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1. The basic production material at the VVB Alcid concern in Oranienburg\* has been changed from pyrites to kieserite ( $MgSO_4$ ). A definite indication of this is the fact that pyrite stocks are being transported from Oranienburg to VEB Kali-Chemie (VVB Alcid), Berlin-Niederschöneweide.
2. Production on a similar raw material basis was tried by the Lurgi concern in Hattorf, Hannover. This was a complicated process which took ten years to put into operation. It is still not satisfactory. The same process is now reported in operation at the Oranienburg plant, but with simple methods and in a very old plant. If this attempt should prove successful, the DDR will become increasingly independent of the use of pyrites, since large deposits of minerals containing magnesium sulfate are at its disposal in its own territory.

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\*            Comment: Probably VEB Chemiewerk Pommerensdorf (formerly AG der Chemischen Produkten-Fabriken), Sachsenhauserstrasse 23/24, Oranienburg, Brandenburg.

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